

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Subject: Washington Document Center

Enclosures: (A) Copy of Joint Letter on Subject from Director of Military Intelligence and Chief of Naval Intelligence, dated 8 October 1946.
(B) Copy of Letter on Subject from Chief of Naval Intelligence dated 11 October 1946

1. In pursuance of the proposal contained in the joint letter of the Director of Military Intelligence and the Chief of Naval Intelligence that the Washington Document Center be transferred to the operational control of the Central Intelligence Group (Enclosure (A)), and in conformance with the recommendations contained in paragraph 3 of Enclosure (B) it is requested that the present Navy complement of the Central Intelligence Group be increased until 1 July 1947 by the total number of the officer and enlisted personnel itemized in paragraph 2 b, c and d of Enclosure (B), and that they be transferred to the CIG as of 1 December 1946. These are the personnel which are required from the Navy Department for the continuance of the effective operation of the Center.

2. It has been determined that the majority of the officer personnel contained in paragraph 2a of Enclosure (B) who are to be released from active duty have agreed to continue their services under the Central Intelligence Group in a civilian status, which will not require an increase in the Navy complement. Likewise, it is understood that the contracts of the Civil Service personnel enumerated in paragraph 2c of Enclosure (B) will expire prior to the transfer and that their services can therefore be continued through employment by the Central Intelligence Group without an increase in the Navy's Civil Service complement in the Central Intelligence Group.

3. The Director of the Central Intelligence Group accepts in principle the proposal for the transfer of the Washington Document Center in order to perform for the benefit of all the intelligence agencies the processing dissemination and housing of all captured Japanese documents in compliance with N.I.A. Directive No. 5 which states in paragraph 2, "the Director of Central Intelligence may centralize such research and analysis activities as may, in his opinion and that of the appropriate member or members of the Intelligence Advisory Board, be more efficiently or effectively accomplished centrally". However, in order that this Center may be efficiently and effectively administered, it is necessary that assurances be received that the personnel required from both the War and Navy Departments to continue its operation will be transferred to the CIG, and that personnel allowances will be increased to permit the transfers.

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4. Accordingly a separate similar memorandum is being forwarded to the Secretary of War requesting the required War Department personnel. If favorable replies are received from both Departments the formal acceptance of the proposal for the centralization in CIG of the Washington Document Center will be issued.

5. In order to obviate the possibility whereby personnel may be made available from one Department but not the other, thus making formal acceptance of the Center impracticable, it is requested that the Navy Department's decision in this matter be forwarded prior to action being initiated to create the vacancies and transfer the personnel. If this decision is favorable, implementation may then be effected upon notification from the CIG that a favorable reply was received from the War Department.

cc: Chief of Naval Intelligence

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